

REMARKS

Claims 1, 9-13, 16, 24-28, 31, 39-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Barksby. Claims 3-6, 8, 18-21, 23, 33-36 and 38 were objected to for depending on rejected claims.

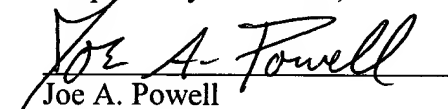
Claim 1 has now been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 3, such that the subject matter of claim 3 is now in independent form. Also, claim 16 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 18 and claim 31 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 33. All of the independent claims, as amended, require the number average molecular weight of the polyol component to be from about 800 to about 1,500 and the polyol component to have a hydroxyl functionality of from about 1.8 to about 2.2.

Applicant requests that the amended claims be allowed as the claims objected to for depending on rejected claims are now in independent form or depend from one of the objected to claims that are now in independent form.

The amended claims now recite that the number average molecular weight of the polyol component is well below the 2000 Mw recited by Barksby et al. in his claim 1.

Reconsideration and an early allowance of the amended claims are respectfully requested.

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